

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Ethics Board  
Thursday, April 17, 2014  
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B

**Minutes**

Members Present: John DeWolf, Saul Nesselroth, Jim Raynor, Win Smith, Nora Stevens (Chair)

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elizabeth Wassmundt, Mansfield. Ms. Wassmundt requested an advisory opinion regarding 25-7M of the Code, more specifically political activity.

Arthur Smith, Mansfield. Mr. Smith recommended that the Board adopt the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and implement an appeals process for ethics complaints.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of October 17, 2013 were moved by Nesselroth, seconded by DeWolf and approved as presented. The motion passed with all voting in favor except for Raynor (abstention).

**III. HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS**

Alternate member vacancies were discussed.

**IV. ADVISORY OPINIONS**

Members discussed the possibility of reviewing and issuing an advisory opinion regarding Human Services Advisory Committee members' participation in the review of applications for "grants to area agencies." Board members noted that the Code does not apply to members of the Human Services Advisory Committee.

Nesselroth made the motion to table discussion of the advisory opinion regarding applicability of the gift provisions of the Ethics Code to Mansfield Board of Education employees. Raynor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Staff will invite the new Town Attorney to the Ethics Board's next meeting to discuss this topic.

Smith made the motion, seconded by DeWolf to add Wassmundt's advisory opinion request to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Following brief discussion, DeWolf made the motion to table the item, seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Smith made the motion, seconded by DeWolf to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager